



Emerson High School

2021-2022

Session 4 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- **NO SCHOOL**, Mid-Winter Break, Thurs. Feb. 17 & Fri, Feb. 18
- Valentine's Day, Mon., Feb. 14
- **NO SCHOOL**, Presidents Day, Mon., Feb. 21
- Summatives for Session 5 DUE Wed., March 2
- Summative Workshop Days Thurs., March 3 & Fri., March 4

SESSION 5

Starts: January 31

Ends: March 4

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From the Principal

Happy New Year!

We're mere days away from the official half-way point of the year – the end of Session 4. This is a great time to connect with your student (s) about future plans including post-graduation education & training programs, investigating Running Start & WANIC options for next year, and simply checking in about how school is going.

Remember you can always request a progress and/or planning meeting with your child's advisor and counselor – there doesn't need to be a crisis or problem for you to check in. Students tend to do better when parents/guardians are involved and engaged in educational planning.

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NO SCHOOL

MID-WINTER BREAK

NO CLASSES

February 17th & 18th

PRESIDENTS DAY

NO CLASSES

February 21st

DAILY SCHEDULE

2021-22

8:00-8:55	1st Period
9:00-9:50	2nd Period
9:55-10:40	3rd Period
10:45-11:35	4th Period
11:35-12:05	LUNCH
12:10-1:00	5th Period
1:05-1:55	6th Period
2:00-2:50	7th Period

Wednesday Schedule

8:00-8:45	1st Period
8:50-9:35	2nd Period
9:40-10:25	4th Period
10:30-11:15	5th Period
11:15-11:40	LUNCH
11:45-12:30	6th Period
12:35-1:20	7th Period

LEARNING CENTER

Day Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

Evening Learning Center

4:00-7:00 PM Tues & Thurs

LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID TESTING SITE LINKS

Given the challenge in finding test sites, our district test sites are picking up popularity for staff and students. Check out the links below to schedule a COVID test for your student:

Emerson Campus- <https://curative.com/sites/33053>

Eastlake HS - <https://curative.com/sites/32838>

Redmond HS - <https://curative.com/sites/32873>

Kamiakin MS - <https://curative.com/sites/32857>



STUDENT GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Tracy's Foods class students created gingerbread houses prior to break. Some students even made the gingerbread themselves! Their houses were voted on by the staff and students. Here are the results —



Da Trap Castle
Ciara K.



South Park
Julian H.



Literal—Ginger-Bread House
Will—Teacher

**Other stu-
which tied**



Gingerbread Men Tree
Joseline R.



House with Garage & Car
Daniela A.

**dent designs
for 4th place!**





Emerson Toy Drive Results

Thank you to those who donated toys or gift cards to make our annual toy drive such a success!!!

We were able to collect more than 65 items which were delivered to *Toys for Tots* !!!



Toy warehouse

Toys for Tots said they had over twice as many requests for toys this year—so hopefully ours got to the right folks!

LWSD Culinary Competition 2022

Sweet and Savory Categories

- **WHO:** Any High School Student in LWSD
- **WHAT:** Culinary Competition
- **WHERE:** Remotely (Power Points will be submitted)
- **WHEN:** Submissions due February 22

WHY: It's fun! Prizes too!

Contact the EmHS Culinary Arts Teacher, Tracy, for details or questions: tbumgarner@lwsd.org



**YEARBOOK
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2021-22 YEARBOOKS

Are On Sale NOW!!!

Emerson High School yearbooks can only be purchased in the EMHS main office (cash or check written to EMHS) or by mailing in a check.

No purchasing directly on the TreeRing Website.

HARDBOUND \$25 SOFTBOUND \$20

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets will be handed out to your students the first week of beginning at EMHS. We need to have current information each year including current residency address, parent emails, emergency contact information, etc.



If you have not seen and/or signed the required forms in the packet, please ask your student or call us to obtain another packet. Please return the required forms from the packet as soon as possible so your student's record will be up to date.

Your student is NOT considered registered at EMHS until this registration packet is returned complete.

STUDENT CLASS FEES

Don't forget that if your student is taking art or photography, there are fees which are due each semester!

ART 1 or 2 \$25.00

3D ART \$25.00

PHOTO \$35.00

ART IND STUDY \$25.00

PHOTO IND STUDY \$35.00

Please make checks payable to **Emerson High School**. You are also able to pay fees with a credit card online through Parent Access for a small fee.



The semester cost for Foods class has been raised. . .

FOODS \$20.00

ATTENDANCE LINE

Remember, students and parents are responsible for school attendance. The parent or legal guardian of any student living with them, even if over 18 years old, who is absent from class is requested to leave a phone message on the **Emerson Attendance Line at 425-936-2306 within 48 hours of** the absence to explain the circumstances of an absence.

If the parent is aware of an upcoming absence, please call to notify the school in advance. **For vacation or extended absences, the student must pick up a form in the office for teachers and parent to sign prior to the absence.**

If your student was absent from any classes during a particular day, you will receive an automated attendance call after 6:45 PM on that day. If that absence needs to be excused, please call and leave a message on the EMHS attendance line, via email to the



**Emerson
Attendance Line**

425-936-2306



Counselor Corner

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Wendy & Crysta

**You can reach
Wendy:**
wsimmons@lwsd.org

**Mondays through
Fridays
7:45-4:15 pm**

Please feel free to contact
me to schedule a meeting to
talk with you and/or your
student at (425) 936-2300 or
wsimmons@lwsd.org.

**You can reach
Crysta**

c-ccady@lwsd.org

**Mondays, Tues-
days, Thursdays,
Fridays after 2nd
period**

I can be reached at (425)
747-4937 ext. 2807 where a
message can be left or
c-ccady@lwsd.org or
[crystac@youtheastideserv
ices.org](mailto:crystac@youtheastideserv
ices.org)



District News

A message from LWSD about cold weather & outdoor eating

At the start of the 2021-22 school year, the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) Facilities Department worked with schools to add tents outside where students could eat meals. The tents were provided to assist with physical distancing when needed during lunch. The tents were not intended to replicate the conditions of our indoor areas. Some families have asked questions about whether LWSD could add walls or outdoor heaters to these spaces. Both of these options have been reviewed by LWSD, and it has been determined not to be feasible due to a variety of reasons, including student and staff safety concerns; ventilation concerns; permitting with local jurisdictions; hazardous weather issues and more.

Because students will continue to eat outdoors during the winter months, it is important that your child dress warmly for lunch in the same way they should dress for recess or the bus stop. We are so proud of how our students and have adapted to some of the health and safety changes that were required this fall. We appreciate your continued support as we work together to meet the needs of all our students.

DISTRICT EQUITY TEAM

Do you have ideas you would like to share about increasing equitable practices and improving student experiences and outcomes in the district? Have you not have had the opportunity to have your voice heard before on these topics? Are you willing to engage in conversations about race, gender, sexual orientation, different abilities, etc.? Are you willing both to speak up and to listen? Do you represent the diversity of our district including diverse racial backgrounds, language expertise, Special Education and ELL services, diverse socio-economic backgrounds, LGBTQIA+, etc.?

We are seeking additional members for the Lake Washington School District Equity Team. We encourage all staff, family members, and community members to indicate their interest by filling out the form that can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/r/ESZ9fpZ8V8> particularly those who may not have had the opportunity to be represented previously.

Questions? Feel free to contact Keriann Levinson in the Equity and Family Engagement department at klevinson@lwsd.org



WORLD LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING

To continue to recognize the talents of our bilingual and biliterate LWSD students, we are tentatively offering in-person testing on Wednesdays this year, as indicated below. Testing will be conducted following strict safety and social distancing protocols. After registering [here](#) on LWSD website, we will contact you via the preferred email indicated in the registration to coordinate your specific test date and time at your preferred location.

Please note that we are operating at limited capacity this year and will prioritize 11th and 12th graders who need World Language credit to graduate. We will test 9th and 10th graders if additional spots are available.

We are using a rolling registration this year and students can register now for any of the following testing windows:

- ⇒ **Wednesdays in February at Redmond High School**
(Registration closes January 31, 2021)
- ⇒ **Wednesdays in March at Lake Washington High School**
(Registration closes February 28, 2021)
- ⇒ **Any Wednesday at the LWSD Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052**
(Registration closes March 31, 2021)

Registration is now live for Seal of Biliteracy/World Language Proficiency Testing at <https://www.lwsd.org/schools/high-school/high-school-guide/world-language-credit-options>.

Questions? Contact the LWSD World Language Specialist and Test Administrator, Theresa Vásquez at tvásquez@lwsd.org.

Parent Access

Log In **To Register, visit:**

[http://
www.lwsd.org/
Parents/Parent-
Access/Pages/
default.aspx.](http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/default.aspx)

If you have any problems registering for Parent Access, send an e-mail to: parentquestions@lwsd.org rather than calling the school.



Orca cards will be distributed to eligible students when they start at Emerson -- the office will issue the Orca card once the required sheets from the 2021-22 registration packet has been returned.

Interested in putting money on your student's lunch account or the Automatic Withdrawal System for the 2021-22 School Meals Program?

Contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1394

PARENT ACCESS

The LWSD provides access to student information including student records, lunch accounts, and more via the Internet. This information is secure so that only you can see information about your student (s). The system through which you can view this information is called **Parent Access**.

When you are registered at school, you have secure access to the following types of student information:

- E-mail links to your student's teachers
- Volunteer Application
- Ability to make online credit card payments for fees/fines
- Family Access: the system that provides official student information on your student (s), including emergency contacts, attendance, end of term report card grades, immunization records, parent/guardian information, fees, etc.

LWSD ORCA CARD

Students who live within the LWSD boundaries and outside the one-mile radius from EMHS (as determined by the LWSD) will be issued a Metro Orca Card based upon determination of eligibility by the LWSD Transportation Department.

Passes will be active for use on METRO and SOUND TRANSIT. **The cards are now good for the duration of the students school years.** This year all eligible students will receive an ORCA card and at the end of the school year, only Seniors' cards will be turned off. In the following years only Freshman & new students will receive new cards. The ORCA Student agreement now covers this and states they are responsible for their card until the graduate. **Students will be charged a replacement fee of \$7.50 from the Transportation Department if they lose or damage their bus pass or if their pass is stolen.** The check should be written to Emerson High School and given to the office manager.

Students residing outside the boundaries of the LWSD are responsible for their own transportation to and from school. If a student inside the one mile wants a pass, they may purchase one from Metro at the same per trip price that LWSD pays. School Orca passes **cannot** be purchased through the school or LWSD Transportation Department.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Nutrition Services offers a limited breakfast program at Emerson. Some options that are provided include items that can be heated in the microwave such as breakfast sandwiches. There are other cold items available such as cereal, breakfast bars, and bagels and cream cheese. Breakfast is available daily between 7:30-7:50 a.m. and between classes until fourth period.

For the 2021-22 school year, student meals will continue to be provided free of charge at all schools, regardless of income level. This USDA nationwide waiver allows for meals for the 2021-22 school year only. Even though there will be no charge for student meals, the Point of Sale computer system for meal accounting will still be utilized with a "no charge" for meals. Students will be able to purchase an extra entrée, meal, milk, and other ala carte items for an extra charge.

Nutrition Services will post daily lunch menus monthly.

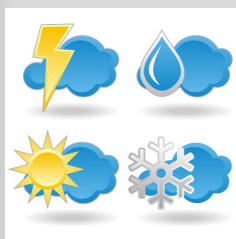
Families that previously qualified for free or reduced-priced meal benefits will need to re-apply to continue receiving district-supported fee reductions and benefits such as extracurricular non-credit activities and summer school fees. Emerson participates in the free and reduced lunch program; obtain forms from the registration packet and/or the main office. ONE application covers the whole family; turn in application at youngest child's school.

**Three measures
on the February 8
ballot to support
excellence for
every student.**



The only
medications
that can be
self-carried
by students
are
epipens and
emergency
inhalers.

*We must have
proper
documentation
for students
to self-carry these
meds.*



FEBRUARY 2022 LEVY INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT

Local levies help bridge the funding gap between what the state provides our schools and what we actually need to support students. Local levies pay for staff at each school, technology for students and classrooms, help us maintain our schools and add classroom space.

Lake Washington School District is asking for three local levies on the February 8 ballot. Each measure will help support excellence for every student. Two measures renew current levies that are set to expire later this year. Propositions 1 and 2 will continue funding for school staff, programs, and opportunities for our students, like performing arts, extracurriculars and athletics. Proposition 3, our Building Excellence Construction Levy, will help us meet our current and future growth by adding classroom space across our fast-growing district. You can learn more about Propositions 1-3 here <https://www.lwsd.org/education-levies>.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students are NOT allowed to have even non-prescription medication on them at school – all medication must go through the Emerson Office, contact Sally Jenkins.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- ◆ Supplying all medications/transporting medication to and from school.
- ◆ Completing required medication authorization forms. **An authorization to administer medication form must be turned in for each medication - whether prescription or non-prescription. The form must be signed by the health care provider and parent and/or guardian. Medication cannot be given without the completed form.**
- ◆ All prescribed medication must be in the original, labeled prescription bottle, container or package.
- ◆ All non-prescription medication must be in original container and labeled by the parent, including: Student Name, Medication Name, Dosage, Date Issued, Name of Health Care Provider, and Time medication is to be given.

Scheduled medications are given between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM only.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION



FlashAlert.net—This service was designed for school districts to notify local media about changes to school schedules. As an added benefit, you can sign up for an account and get emails or text messages with emergency information. It is the first place notices are posted.



SchoolMessenger—LWSD will call employees by 5 a.m. and parents by 6 a.m. In some instances, decisions are delayed. In that case, the calls are made as soon as information is available. **Please note:** Human Resources must have the correct phone number on file for each employee. Otherwise, you will not get this courtesy call.



LWSD.org—The district website will be updated with the latest information. It will appear in a red text box on the front page of the district site and all of the school websites as well.



Local media—Local radio and TV stations will also have school closure/delay information available. They get their information from FlashAlert.net.

The 2022 EMHS
Graduation
Ceremony is
scheduled for
Friday, June 10.

More information will
be forthcoming!
Stay tuned.

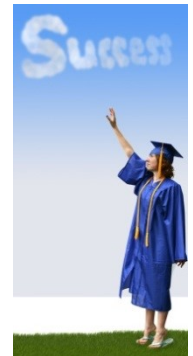


SENIOR MEETING

The first senior meeting happened 12/14 and senior advisors Tracy and Dan K. went over graduation deadlines and requirements to help seniors stay on track.

The Jostens rep was available to talk about preserving the memories of this milestone year for seniors. Students learned about the products they offer including, caps & gowns, announcements, class rings, and much more.

www.NWGRAD.COM



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

MCDONALD'S HACER NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

HACER stands for Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources. Your generation is making the world a better place, and McDonald's wants Hispanic students to be front and center in that transformation. That's why we're giving you and your community more opportunities to make difference. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a high school senior and carry a minimum 2.8 GPA and have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage. Scholarship Value \$100,000. For more information, visit: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15444/mcdonald_s_hacer_national-Scholarship.

DUE DATE: February 7, 2022

CELEBRATE THE WEST HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

The Western Governors' Association is proud to announce "Celebrate the West", a regional art competition that challenges high school students to create works inspired by their state. The competition is open exclusively to high school students. Home.

WGA's panel of art experts will select one finalist from each state and territory. State Winners will receive \$200 and compete for First (\$1,500), Second (\$750), and Third Place (\$500) Awards at the regional level. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website at: <https://westgov.org/celebrate-the-west/competition/2022-competition>.

DUE DATE: April 30, 2022

PRIDE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Students Who Inspire. The Pride Foundation provides essential financial resources and community support to LGBTQ+ student leaders across the Northwest.

Since awarding our first scholarship in 1993, we've awarded more than \$7 million to more than 2,200 students in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Pride Foundation Scholars are leaders in their communities with incredibly varied educational goals and lived experiences—and are oftentimes overcoming a lack of support system, tremendous societal barriers, and significant financial need in order to pursue their dreams. For more information, visit: <https://pridefoundation.org/find-funding/scholarships/guidelines/>.

Staff Emails

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**Emerson High School's
main office number is:**

425-936-2300

**with office hours of
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
daily.**

**If you are calling
before or after office
hours, you may leave a
message for the main
office by pressing 2.**

**Please communicate
late arrivals and
absences on the
EMHS**

**Attendance Line at:
425-936-2306**



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